

Amendments to the Specification:

Please cancel the present title and substitute — — METHOD OF TREATING PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY — — therefor.

Please amend the paragraph at page 1 following the heading, "Cross Reference to Related Applications," as follows wherein the addition is shown in underlined text and the deletion is shown in strike-out text:

— — This is a division of ~~pending~~ U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/255,450 filed September 26, 2002, now abandoned, which is a division of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/599,213 filed June 22, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,465,458 issued October 15, 2002, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/141,968 filed July 1, 1999, U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/144,131 filed July 16, 1999, U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/158,256 filed October 6, 1999, and U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/170,381 filed December 13, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. — —

Please amend the "Abstract of the Disclosure" s follows wherein additions are shown in underlined text and deletions are shown in strike-out text:

— — ~~Methods and compositions for~~ Disclosed herein are methods of treating ~~humans an individual~~ suffering from, or preventing a human from suffering, a ~~physiological or psychiatric disease disorder, or a condition where inhibiting reuptake of norepinephrine is a benefit are disclosed~~ peripheral neuropathy. The compositions comprise a compound having a pharmacological selectivity of serotonin (K.sub.i)/norepinephrine (K.sub.i) of at least about 5000. Examples of such compounds include reboxetine, and more preferably optically pure (S,S) enantiomer of reboxetine. The methods generally include administration of a therapeutic amount of such compositions optically pure (S,S) reboxetine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. ~~Also disclosed are preparations of a medicament from the composition, and uses of the composition in a manufacture of the medicament to treat a human suffering from, or preventing a human from suffering, a physiological or psychiatric disease, disorder, or condition.~~ Embodiments of these methods can diminish adverse side effects. — —